

MASTER'S PROGRAM OUTLINE

Course Requirements:

1. 3 credits of CAS 602 "Teaching Practicum" completed within the first 2 years

Yes No

2. 2 credits of CAS 590 "Colloquium" completed within the first year^(a)

Yes No

3. Research Methods course(s) (3 credit minimum):

4. 500-level courses (24 credit minimum)^(b):

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

f. _____

g. _____

h. _____

5. CAS 600 Thesis credits (6 credit minimum): _____

6. Total credits (30 credit minimum)^(c): _____

Credits earned beyond the 30 credits required for the M.A. degree may be counted toward the Ph.D.

7. Scholarship and Research Integrity (SARI) Courses:

Online Component: (Two online courses, completed before November 1, first semester, unless completed as part of M.A. conferred at Penn State)

- a. Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR).
- b. Social and Behavioral Human Subjects Research (IRB).

Discussion Component: (5 Hours; completed during the first year; identify the appropriate dates on each line).

- a. 1-Hour Departmental Workshop during orientation: _____
- b. 90-minute Departmental Workshop: _____
- c. 90-minute Departmental Workshop: _____
- d. 1-Hour Office for Research Protection Event: _____
Title: _____

Committee Functions:

Committee members:^(d)

Advisor: _____

Members: _____

Required Meetings (please indicate the appropriate date for each):

- a. Program Review: _____
(usually occurs end of semester 2 or beginning of semester 3)
- b. Thesis Proposal: _____
(usually occurs beginning of semester 3)
- c. Thesis Defense: _____
(during or immediately following semester 4)

NOTES:

- (a) Typically 1 credit each of the first 2 semesters. Exceptions can be requested in the event of scheduling conflicts.
- (b) Research Methods may count toward the 24 credits. Courses for the 24 credits can come from CAS and external departments. A maximum of 6 credits of CAS 596 (Individual Studies) may count toward the 24 credits. CAS 596 must be the equivalent of a full course, including having a syllabus and reading list provided.
- (c) The 30 credit minimum must include at least 6 credits of 600. However, 602, 590, and 594 do not count toward the total 30 credits for the M.A. A maximum of 6 credits of CAS 596 (Individual Studies) can count toward the 30 credits. Students may take CAS 594 (Research Topics) in addition to the 30 credits required for the degree.
- (d) M.A. committees must have a minimum of three members. Any member of the graduate faculty may serve on an M.A. committee, may chair an M.A. committee, and may advise an M.A. thesis.